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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that single-use plastic  
2 bottles are a threat to the State's oceans and vulnerable marine  
3 ecosystems. Each year, more than 15,000,000 metric tons of  
4 plastic enter the world's oceans. Experts predict that by 2050,  
5 the amount of plastic in the ocean will outweigh fish, unless  
6 significant changes are made. The need for significant change  
7 in Hawaii was underscored in 2020, when the United States  
8 Environmental Protection Agency found that several of the  
9 State's beaches are "impaired by trash", with the majority of  
10 the pollutants comprising single-use plastics.

11           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to take a phased  
12 approach to prohibiting the manufacture, distribution, and sale  
13 in the State of single-use plastic bottles and containers.

14           SECTION 2. Section 342H-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16           "~~§342H-42~~ **Prohibition.** (a) On or after January 1,  
17 1992, no person shall manufacture, distribute, sell, or expose



1 for sale in this State any plastic bottle or rigid plastic  
2 container unless the product has a label indicating the plastic  
3 resin used to produce the plastic bottle or rigid plastic  
4 container. The label shall consist of a number placed within a  
5 triangle of arrows and letters placed below the triangle. The  
6 triangle shall be equilateral, formed by three arrows curved at  
7 their midpoints and depicting a clockwise path around the code  
8 number. The numbers and letters used shall be as follows:

9 (1) For polyethylene terephthalate, the letters "PETE" and  
10 the number 1;

11 (2) For high density polyethylene, the letters "HDPE" and  
12 the number 2;

13 (3) For vinyl, the letter "V" and the number 3;

14 (4) For low density polyethylene, the letters "LDPE" and  
15 the number 4;

16 (5) For polypropylene, the letters "PP" and the number 5;

17 (6) For polystyrene, the letters "PS" and the number 6;  
18 and

19 (7) For any other, the letters "OTHER" and the number 7.

20 (b) On or after January 1, 2024, no person shall  
21 manufacture, distribute, sell, or expose for sale in this State



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1 any single-use plastic bottle or rigid plastic container  
2 designed to hold sixteen fluid ounces or less.

3 (c) On or after January 1, 2025, no person shall  
4 manufacture, distribute, sell, or expose for sale in this State  
5 any single-use plastic bottle or rigid plastic container  
6 designed to hold more than sixteen fluid ounces."

7 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Plastic Bottles; Single-Use Plastics; Prohibition

**Description:**

Prohibits the manufacture, distribution, and sale of single-use plastic bottles and rigid plastic containers designed to hold 16 fluid ounces or less, effective 1/1/2024, and single-use plastic bottles and rigid plastic containers designed to hold more than 16 fluid ounces, effective 1/1/2025.

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